

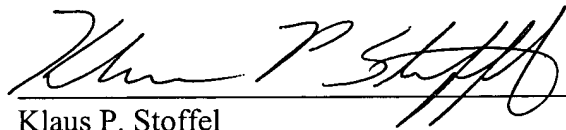
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application.

With this amendment, applicants have canceled claims 1-17, added new independent claims 18 and 27, added new dependent claims 19-26 and 28-37, all in an effort to place the application in better condition for examination.

Favorable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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